



October 21, 2014 NPC MRC Final Meeting Summary

The October 21, 2014 NPC MRC meeting took place at the ONRC Hemlock Forest Room at 1455 Forks Avenue, Forks, WA on Tuesday the 21st from 4:02 to 6:30 PM (00:00:55 on the audio counter).

A quorum of voting members was established.

Committee members present at the meeting were Steve Allison (Hoh Tribe Rep.), Rod Fleck (City of Forks), John Hunter (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Katie Krueger (Quileute Tribe Rep.), Deborah Kucipeck (Clallam County Alternate Rep.), Cathy Lear (Clallam County Rep.), Ian Miller (WA Sea Grant Ex Officio), Roy Morris (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Rich Osborne (Citizen Rep., Clallam County), Tami Pokorny (Jefferson County Rep.), John Richmond (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County), Dana Sarff (Makah Tribe Rep.), Jill Silver (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County) and Chiggers Stokes (Citizen Rep., Jefferson County).

Scott Archibald (Forks High School [FHS]/Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition [PCSC] Intern), Romario Bello (FHS/PCSC Intern), Rebekah Brooks (ONRC), Joe Gilbertson (Hoh Tribe), Victor Hanna (FHS/ North Olympic Peninsula [NOPSC] Intern), Alex Huelsdonk (PCSC), Cole Johnson (FHS/NOPSC Intern), Dan Lieberman (NOPSC), Julian Ortiz (FHS/PCSC Intern), Amaranth Rockwell (FHS/PCSC Intern), Jon Schmidt (WA CoastSavers), and Dana Wu (Student Conservation Association, Olympic National Park) were also present.

Introductions

Public Comments

Rich Osborne announced that there would be 5 to 8 inches of rain falling overnight, with a flood warning on the entire peninsula for the following morning.

Additions to the Agenda

Tami Pokorny made some changes in the sequence of the agenda to accommodate Rod Fleck and guests. ***The updated agenda was approved by consensus.***

Approval of the September Meeting Summary

The September Meeting Summary was approved by consensus.

Announcements

There were none.

Old Business

Ancient Wood Project

Chiggers Stokes wanted to wait for Olympic National Park's Gaye Hunter and John Preston to arrive before going into full detail, but he gave a history of his legacy wood discovery and the difficulty he has had making contact with scientists who are interested in it. The wood is at least 40,000 years old and is a great opportunity for citizen science. The group discussed details. Jill Silver added that a deposit of charcoal wood is emerging at Rialto as well.

New Business

Ideas for RainFest/Film Fest/April Cleanup/Internships

The group skipped down the agenda to sharing thoughts on next year's festivals, including hosting live music, and the possibility of scheduling events the weekend of Friday, April 17th through Sunday, April 19th. This would coincide with the grand opening of the new Forks Arts Center on Saturday, April 18th and the suggested date for the beach cleanup of April 25th.

Meet Intern Applicants

Dan Lieberman gave an overview of the internship program through NOPSC Natural Resources. Student interns would ideally be matched with entities represented at the NPC MRC to work on coastal issues, in addition to the work they are already doing with their internships at ONP, NOPSC and PCSC; the type of internships can be very flexible. Student interns Romario Bello, Julian Ortiz, Scott Archibald, Victor Hanna and Cole Johnson gave brief presentations on their past internships. Suggestions and discussion on possible internship projects followed among the group.

Old Business

Letters

The group moved up in the agenda to discuss NPC MRC letters of thanks to Governor Jay Inslee and legacy wood to ONP Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum before Rod Fleck had to leave. Members agreed to send the letter to the governor with edits; the letter to the superintendent was already sent.

Updates

Washington Coast Marine Advisory Council (WCMAC)

The group then jumped ahead in the agenda to go over the outline for the next WCMAC meeting, scheduled for October 22nd in Aberdeen. Presentations by Dale Beasley on Marine Protected Reserves and by Pacific Northwest National Labs on Ecological Effects of Marine Renewable Energy were discussed. Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is reaching its midpoint and a plan will start to be developed for what is to be done over the next two years. Jill Silver asked to be on the record as stating that Marine Protected Reserves have been shown all over the world to be incredibly useful as zones where long-lived fish species are able to reproduce successfully to reestablish populations; she encouraged the group to consider responses to the idea. Additional information on MSP and WCMAC can be found at www.msp.wa.gov.

Old Business

Film Revision Update

Returning to the agenda, Tami Pokorny expounded on a suggestion from NOAA's education specialist Nicole Harris regarding the NPC MRC film *Discover the Olympic Coast: A Seal's Tour*. Pacific Education Institute (PEI) could have an expert view the film and work out a proposal to modify issues with its construction and presentation for \$250. ***The expense of \$250 to PEI for the proposal was approved by consensus.***

New Business

Coast MRC Summit—NPC MRC Messages

The Summit is scheduled for October 23rd through 25th. Suggestions for possible presentations included Chiggers Stokes' legacy wood discovery and micro debris.

Earthquake and Tsunami Workshop and Outcomes

John Hunter announced that a working group that was formed at the workshop had been tasked with coming up with a project. They developed a plan to have Forks teachers design projects to do with their students that they will display at RainFest/Film Fest. Discussion followed on liquefaction and other

earthquake/tsunami elements. *Tami Pokorny, John Hunter and other workshop attendees will make the earthquake and tsunami information available to NPC MRC members. Katie Krueger asked about the possibility of bringing in Quileute tsunami drill workers to the presentation at Film Fest.

Newsletter

Tami Pokorny gave an update on thoughts about the upcoming West End Natural Resource Newsletter. She wants to write an article on the tsunami workshop. Roy Morris suggested that information on The Science, Technology and Innovation Symposium: Advanced Researches of Earthquakes and Tsunami taking place in Japan be included in the article. *Anyone who wishes to contribute to the newsletter should start thinking about potential articles.

Updates

Marine Debris/Ocean Acidification/Hypoxia

Roy Morris, Chiggers Stokes and Jon Schmidt presented information on remote beach debris removal within the Park. Discussion followed among the group on best possible approaches to this issue, including a minimal tool analysis request from the Coast Guard to the Park.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

The group went over the agenda from the last meeting on September 26th in Aberdeen. Jon Schmidt thanked the NPC MRC for its continued support to CoastSavers.

Administration and Fiscal Agent Update

Tami Pokorny recapped the film and festival expenditures, but there are no new expenditures to date.

Next Agenda

The next NPC MRC meeting is scheduled for November 18th at ONRC in Forks. Katie Krueger requested a recap of the Coastal MRC Summit for those who cannot attend.

Old Business

Ancient Wood Project

The group then returned to this topic. Representatives from the Park had not arrived, but Chiggers Stokes led discussion on best potential uses for the legacy wood. Suggestions included conducting a photo point survey using student interns, making a map, guided tour or interpretive signage, possibly tying it into Brian Atwater's tsunami and earthquake presentations to Forks High School classes and utilizing the wave cut identified at the site in climate change analysis. It was decided that Chiggers would meet with Dan Lieberman and set up a meeting with ONP's Gaye Hunter if the Quillayute Valley School District is interested, that John Hunter would include the topic in his list of potential projects for his students, and that it was best to leave it unpublicized until students can come up with an educational plan for the wood's use.

Public Comments/General

Tami Pokorny showed a GPS film on tsunami and earthquake movement.

Adjourn

The NPC MRC meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm (02:29:15 on the audio counter).

Compiled by Rebekah Brooks.

Action Items:

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